

BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHILDON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1162844

Details

Other names BASH, BAS

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2015-07-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Bishop Auckland & Shildon Circuit is a diverse network embracing 10 churches, representing both urban and rural areas. It seeks to consolidate and develop the work of the churches, encouraging partnership among and between them. It exists to make the love of God known and share the Good News of the Gospel through worship and activities of the individual churches, holding those churches in unity.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£168,503	£187,996	-	-
2024-08-31	£136,142	£406,519	-	-
2023-08-31	£390,128	£354,888	-	-
2022-08-31	£184,134	£210,255	-	-
2021-08-31	£150,331	£190,647	-	-
2020-08-31	£170,405	£203,284	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev David Michael Payne	Chair	2020-09-01
AUDREY DINNING		2016-11-24
CHRISTINE BENNETT		2016-11-24
CLIFF HOLLIDAY		2017-01-15
CLIFFORD LAVERICK		2014-09-16
Carol Bean		2014-09-01
DAVID CADMAN		2016-10-20
DIANE HALL		2016-10-20
DOROTHY BAILEY		2017-01-17
Dale Cochrane		2014-09-16
Dr Alan Murray Hill		2023-09-01
ENID CLINTON		2017-01-15
Edwin Hird		2019-07-01
Elly Studham		2019-11-25
Evelyn Swinbank		2024-03-20
GEORGE RICHARDSON		2017-01-15
HELEN EALES		2016-11-24
JANE ARMSTRONG MBE		2016-11-24
JEANNE SPENCER		2014-09-01
JOYCE HIRD		2016-11-24
JOYCE PROCTOR		2016-11-24
Jennifer Atkinson		2019-11-25
Joan Thompson		2019-07-01
John David Powell		2020-09-23
John Hodgson		2022-11-10
June Mary Holliday		2025-09-09
Kathleen Anne Biggs		2023-03-23

Name	Role	Appointed
Keith Teasdale		2017-06-20
Kim Rowling		2025-03-19
MARION ANDERSON		2014-09-01
Margaret Nodding		2021-03-18
Michael Ellis		2016-10-20
Nora Amess		2021-03-18
OLIVE INGRAM		2017-03-29
PATRICIA SCOTT		2016-11-24
PETER HALL		2016-11-24
Pauline Clayton		2017-06-20
RALPH JAMES INGRAM		2014-09-01
ROSS TONNER		2017-05-06
Rev Rachel Elizabeth Pinkney		2023-09-01
Shirley Anne Welsh		2025-10-07

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Bishop Auckland and Shildon Methodist Circuit

Charity Registration number: 1162844

**Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2025

Information

Full name of charity: Bishop Auckland & Shildon Methodist Circuit

Charity registration number: 1162844

Address:
Bishop Auckland Methodist Church
21 Cockton Hill Road
Bishop Auckland
County Durham
DL14 6EN

Trustees during the year ended 31 August 2025

Members of Bishop Auckland & Shildon Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees. Membership is made up of Ministers, Circuit office holders and representatives appointed by the local Churches as shown below:

Circuit meeting membership

David Payne	Superintendent and Chair of Circuit Meeting
Rachel Pinkney	Probationer Presbyter, ordained on 29 June 2025
Marion Anderson	Circuit Steward
Carol Bean	Circuit Steward, Circuit Safeguarding Officer, Witton Park representative
Helen Eales	Circuit Treasurer, Dene Valley Representative
Alan Hill	Circuit Assistant Treasurer
Clifford Laverick	Circuit Steward - Property
Jeanne Spencer	Circuit Steward
Edwin Hird	Local Preacher Secretary
Margaret Nodding	Local Preacher Representative
Evelyn Swinbank	Local Preacher Representative
Dorothy Bailey	Quinquennials
Clifford Holliday	Home Mission, Dene Valley Representative
Olive Ingram	MWiB Secretary
Audrey Dinning	MWiB Treasurer
Christine Bennett	MHA
Sheelah Stevens	Supernumerary Presbyter (resigned 25.02.25)

From each Church:

Kathleen Biggs	Bishop Auckland
Ralph Ingram	Bishop Auckland
Keith Teasdale	Bishop Auckland
Nora Amess	Cockfield
Dorothy Milroy	Cockfield (to 09.03.26)
Joan Thompson	Cockfield
June Holliday	Dene Valley (appointed 09.09.25)
Shirley Welsh	Dene Valley (appointed 09.10.25)
David Cadman	Etherley
Michael Ellis	Etherley
Diane Hall	Etherley
Enid Clinton	Hamsterley
George Richardson	Hamsterley
David Powell	Heighington
Pauline Clayton	Newton Aycliffe
Dale Cochrane	Newton Aycliffe
Kim Rowling	Newton Aycliffe (appointed 19.03.2025)
Joyce Hird	Shildon

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John Hodgson	Shildon
Patricia Scott	Shildon
Elly Studham	Shildon
Jennifer Atkinson	Witton Park
Joyce Proctor	Witton Park
Jane Armstrong	Woodhouse Close
Peter Hall	Woodhouse Close
Ross Tonner	Woodhouse Close

Lay Employees – members of the Circuit Meeting but not trustees:

Jenny Prior	Circuit Support Manager and Circuit Meeting Secretary
Chris Russell	Lay Pastoral Assistant (to 12.09.25)

Structure, governance and management

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Bishop Auckland and Shildon. The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union, the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisations of the Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Charitable objectives are delivered through the provision of activities and services, which include:

- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- Conducting baptisms, weddings and funerals on behalf of the Methodist Church.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Provision of community space and support.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Circuit Mission Statement

We are called to worship, love and serve God so that the world may believe.

Worship

The church exists to increase awareness in God's promise and to celebrate God's love.

- The Circuit plan ensures the provision of preachers and services for local churches on Sunday and also midweek.
- Circuit Services provide an opportunity to come together as a family for worship and fellowship.
- The local preachers meeting supports and offers further opportunities for study and enrichment of this calling.
- Make use of technology in services and as a means of reaching those unable to attend, also to be used as a tool for mission.
- Involve children and young people in appropriate activities.

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Learning and caring

The church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care.

- Opportunities for learning through Bible studies.
- Opportunities for people to meet for midweek fellowship around the circuit.
- Encourage members to commit to a path of lifelong learning based on God's teachings.
- Show that the church is welcoming, accepting all as children of God.
- Nurture and care for all in our circuit.
- Provide opportunities for groups to meet for relaxation and fellowship.

Service

The church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.

- Supporting the needs of our local communities, providing food and financial help.
- Encourage churches to support Fairtrade.
- Encourage practical responses to the climate crisis, collectively and individually.
- Give generously to those in need at home and abroad.
- Challenge injustice.

Evangelism

The church exists to make followers of Jesus Christ.

- Witness to those we meet outside the church in daily life.
- Use opportunities presented at baptisms, weddings, funerals, Christmas and Easter to share our faith.
- Showing love and respect to all we meet through simple acts of service.
- Working ecumenically in the community e.g. food bank, holiday club, passion play performance and school and hospital visiting.

"Truly I tell you, inasmuch as you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me."

Matthew 25:40.

Public benefit

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Review

The Bishop Auckland & Shildon Circuit embraces 10 churches. The geographical dimensions of the Circuit are approximately 16 miles by 6 miles with a mixture of both town and country churches.

Our Ministers are Rev David Payne and Rev Rachel Pinkney.

David is the Superintendent Minister and had pastoral charge of:

Cockfield

Etherley

Hamsterley

Newton Aycliffe

Shildon

Woodhouse Close

St Michael's, Heighington – letter of welcome to former Methodist members of Heighington Methodist Church.

Rachel, in her second year as a Probationer Presbyterian, had care of:

Bishop Auckland

Dene Valley

Witton Park

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We had two lay employees in the year. Jenny Prior is the Circuit Support Manager and Chris Russell is the Lay Pastoral Assistant who is primarily based in the churches where David is in pastoral charge.

We have services available each Sunday throughout the Circuit, as shown on the quarterly 'Circuit Plan'.

The Circuit membership on 1 November 2024 was 323. The larger membership churches are based in the towns of Bishop Auckland (Bishop Auckland and Woodhouse Close), Newton Aycliffe and Shildon. The smaller membership churches are located in more rural locations.

Woodhouse Close is a single congregation LEP with the Church of England (and also includes a "Letter of Welcome" to members of the former local URC). Hamsterley is an LEP with the local Anglican Church.

The Church of England at Heighington has a Covenant of Welcome to former members of the Heighington Methodist Church and the normal Sunday morning service is led by a Methodist minister or preacher monthly.

After completing the necessary process, we were delighted to extend Rev David Payne's appointment in the Circuit. This was agreed at the Circuit Meeting on 9 September 2024. The extension begins on 1 September 2025 for one year.

In May 2025 Rev David Payne indicated that he intends to "sit down" as Superintendent of our Circuit with effect from 31 August 2026. We have valued his leadership and energy and the Circuit will miss his dedicated and enthusiastic ministry. We entered the stationing process for a Superintendent Minister.

We rejoiced as Rev Rachel Pinkney was received into full connexion at the Methodist Conference in Telford and then ordained at St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury on 29 June 2025. We held a "Welcome Back" Circuit Service for Rachel on 6 July at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church.

In July 2025 Chris Russell arranged "Holiday @ Home", three afternoon sessions to provide some fun, activities and treats for those of our membership who can no longer go away on holiday or indeed don't go very far at all. It was held at Witton Park Methodist Church, with helpers and guests from across the Circuit. Guests were able to be involved in painting, card making, flower arranging and board games. On the final afternoon there was musical entertainment and an afternoon tea.

Reserves policy

The Circuits Reserves Policy is:

- To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future.
- To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit, which is a charity, intends to use all the money coming into its care for the purpose of the charity
- The Circuit's Reserves Policy is to hold a balance of unrestricted funds equivalent to at least six months unrestricted expenditure.
- The Circuit's Superintendent Minister is leaving in August 2026. The Circuit has entered stationing for a replacement and, if successful, the incoming Superintendent's appointment would run until August 2031. The other Minister has a further three years of their appointment to run. The Circuit has sufficient funds to meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and maintenance of its two manses.
- It is recognised that regular income is not meeting annual expenditure and that reserves will be further drawn upon going forward.
- The Circuit has sufficient funds to finance its future plans.

Property

Quinquennial Inspections took place at:

Hamsterley Methodist Church on 11 September 2024.

The manse in Shildon on 26 September 2024.

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Unconscious Bias training

An Unconscious Bias training session was held on 20 May 2025.

Safeguarding

We are committed to ensuring that our churches are safe places to be. This means that safeguarding is central to the safe operation of the Circuit and at every meeting we seek to affirm that safeguarding is central to what we do.

We signed our Circuit Safeguarding Policy at the Circuit Meeting on 9 September 2024, listing Carol Bean as the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

We have three qualified Foundation Module trainers in the Circuit. The Foundation Module has been re-written by the Methodist Church and our trainers attended their "train the trainers" course to enable them to deliver the new material.

We held a Foundation Module training session at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church on 29 January 2025 when 18 people attended. We invited feedback and asked people to include one key thing they have learnt. Some responses included "how crucial recording of situations is", "the support that is available", and that "Safeguarding is for all".

A Church Safeguarding Officers Meeting was held on 20 May 2025.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

David M Payne

Rev David M Payne

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Bishop Auckland & Shildon Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

Darlington	District	Circuit no	13/10
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1162844

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev David M Payne
Rev Rachel Pinkney

Circuit Stewards:

Marion Anderson
Carol Bean
Alan Hill
Cliff Laverick
Jeanne Spencer

Treasurer:

Helen Eales

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share	3	133,954			133,954	105,100
a3	Capital receipts	4					520,846
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,356	14,581		16,937	9,845
a5	Grants	5			4,500	4,500	15,299
a6	Other receipts	6	13,112			13,112	5,898
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		149,422	14,581	4,500	168,503 (a8)	656,988

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	7	113,219		2,500	115,719	96,442
b3	Manse Costs	8	8,597			8,597	15,509
b4	Administration etc	9	4,052			4,052	13,567
b5	District Assessment and Levy	10	33,732	16,744		50,476	33,732
b6	Grants & donations	11	500		700	1,200	582
b7	Bridging loan repaid						180,000
b8	Other payments	12	6,159	1,105	688	7,952	66,687
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		166,259	17,849	3,888	187,996 (b9)	406,519

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(16,837)	(3,268)	612	(19,493)	250,469
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		87,215	339,987		427,202 (c6)	138,193
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	70,378	336,719	612	407,709	388,662
c4	Transfers and adjustments		45,000	(45,000)		(c7)	38,540
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	115,378	291,719	612	407,709 (c8)	427,202 (c6)

SECTION D							
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year						
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					2,098	4,085
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					2,098	4,085
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)						

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	168,503 (a8)	187,996 (b9)	(19,493)	(c7)	427,202 (c6)	407,709 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	168,503	187,996	(19,493)		427,202 (x)	407,709 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	16,469	21,521
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	70,746	94,469
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	339,987	291,719
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	427,202 (c6)	407,709 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	427,202 (x)	407,709 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	460,795	460,795
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

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Notes to the Standard Form of Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025

1. Charity information

The charity (registered number 1162844) is a public benefit entity, established in the UK and governed by The Methodist Church Act 1976. The address of the principal office is: 21 Cockton Hill Road, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 6EN. The nature of the charity's operation and principal activity is the advancement of the Christian faith.

2. Basis of the preparation of the Standard Accounts

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis. In previous years the accounts were prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis with the exception of Share income and Stipends which were included on an accruals basis. Adjustments in respect of 2024 accruals are shown in notes 3 and 7 to these accounts.

3. Assessment/share income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Share income received in the year	109,954	-	-	109,954	105,100
Adjustment re accruals basis	24,000	-	-	24,000	-
	133,954	-	-	133,954	105,100

4. Capital receipts

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Sale of Churches</u>					
Wind Mill	-	-	-	-	146,638
Auckland Park	-	-	-	-	90,293
South Church	-	-	-	-	29,276
<u>Sale of manse</u>					
Bishop Auckland	-	-	-	-	254,639
	-	-	-	-	520,846

5. Grants

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
District grant received: bridging loan interest	-	-	-	-	10,799
District grants received: other	-	-	4,500	4,500	4,500
	-	-	4,500	4,500	15,299

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6. Other receipts

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gift aid tax	4,220	-	-	4,220	4,165
Income relating to Churches closed in previous years	3,657	-	-	3,657	1,254
PAYE & NIC refund re 2017	4,861	-	-	4,861	-
Other income	374	-	-	374	479
	<u>13,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,112</u>	<u>5,898</u>

7. Stipends, salaries, NIC, pension and travel costs

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross salaries	82,201	-	2,500	84,701	71,502
Pension costs	12,174	-	-	12,174	15,356
Employer's National Insurance	7,925	-	-	7,925	6,181
Apprenticeship levy	485	-	-	485	454
Travel	3,432	-	-	3,432	3,075
Adjustment re accruals basis	7,002	-	-	7,002	(126)
	<u>113,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>115,719</u>	<u>96,442</u>

8. Manse costs

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Council tax	5,583	-	-	5,583	7,995
Water services	489	-	-	489	950
Repairs and maintenance	508	-	-	508	230
Insurance	1,297	-	-	1,297	6,334
Quinquennial reports	720	-	-	720	-
	<u>8,597</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,597</u>	<u>15,509</u>

9. Administration etc.

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries, NIC and pension costs	-	-	-	-	9,577
Hire of room as office	500	-	-	500	500
Postage, stationery and printing	1,199	-	-	1,199	1,116
Sundry expenses and supplies	1,770	-	-	1,770	1,897
Telephone	583	-	-	583	477
	<u>4,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,052</u>	<u>13,567</u>

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10. District assessment and levy

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
District assessment	33,732	-	-	33,732	33,732
Annual CMTF contribution	-	16,744	-	16,744	-
	<u>33,732</u>	<u>16,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,476</u>	<u>33,732</u>

11. Grants and donations

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants awarded to Circuit Churches	500	-	700	1,200	582
	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>582</u>

12. Other payments

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Bridging loan interest	-	-	-	-	10,799
Light and heat: unoccupied Churches	868	-	-	868	1,300
Quinquennial inspections	720	-	-	720	1,440
Repairs and maintenance: Churches	194	-	-	194	-
Insurance: unoccupied Churches	3,246	-	-	3,246	-
Insurance: liability	526	-	-	526	-
Outreach	-	-	688	688	-
Other	605	-	-	605	831
Annual CMTF contribution	-	-	-	-	2,443
Administration fee	-	1,105	-	1,105	278
CPF levies - sale of Churches	-	-	-	-	49,596
	<u>6,159</u>	<u>1,105</u>	<u>688</u>	<u>7,952</u>	<u>66,687</u>

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *H Eales*

Date 21/02/2026

Name and address of treasurer: Helen Eales

31 Haslewood Road, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 4XF

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/~~will be~~*
presented to the Circuit meeting held on 9 March 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *David M Payne*

Date 03/06/2026

Name of the Chair of the meeting : Rev David M Payne

Bishop Auckland & Shildon Methodist Circuit No 13/10

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bishop Auckland & Shildon Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1162844

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bishop Auckland & Shildon Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 6 to 11. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
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Signature of independent examiner *B E Merifield*

Name of independent examiner Barbara Elizabeth Merifield

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address .. 141 Byerley Road, Shildon, County Durham DL4 1HT

Date 23/05/2026

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Accounts

Bishop Auckland and Shildon Methodist Circuit
Charity Registration Number 1162844

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements

1st September 2023

To

31st August 2024

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The Bishop Auckland & Shildon Circuit embraces 10 churches. The geographical dimensions of the Circuit are approximately 16 miles by 6 miles with a mixture of both town and country churches.

Our Ministers are Rev David Payne and Rev Rachel Pinkney.

David is the Superintendent Minister and had pastoral charge of:

Cockfield
Etherley
Hamsterley
Newton Aycliffe
Shildon
Woodhouse Close

Rachel, in her first year as a Probationer Presbyter, had care of:

Bishop Auckland
Dene Valley
Witton Park

St Michael's, Heighington – letter of welcome to former Methodist members of Heighington Methodist Church.

We have two lay employees. Jenny Prior is the Circuit Support Manager and Chris Russell is our Lay Pastoral Assistant who is primarily based in the churches where David is in pastoral charge.

We have services available each Sunday at all of our churches. These are led by our Ministers, Local Preachers and ecumenical colleagues. We also have a “telephone service” available.

The Circuit membership on 1st November 2023 was 340. The larger membership churches are based in the towns of Bishop Auckland (Bishop Auckland and Woodhouse Close), Newton Aycliffe and Shildon. The smaller membership churches are located in more rural locations.

Woodhouse Close is a single congregation LEP with the Church of England (and also includes a Letter of Welcome' to members of the former local URC). Hamsterley is an LEP with the local Anglican and Baptist Churches.

The Church of England at Heighington has a Covenant of Welcome to former members of the Heighington Methodist Church and the normal Sunday morning service is led by a Methodist minister or preacher monthly.

Mission Statement

We are called to worship, love and serve God so that the world may believe.

WORSHIP

The church exists to increase awareness in God's promise and to celebrate God's love.

- The Circuit plan ensures the provision of preachers and services for local churches on Sunday and also midweek.
- Circuit Services provide an opportunity to come together as a family for worship and fellowship.
- The local preachers meeting supports and offers further opportunities for study and enrichment of this calling.
- Make use of technology in services and as a means of reaching those unable to attend, also to be used as a tool for mission.
- Involve children and young people in appropriate activities.

LEARNING AND CARING

The church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care.

- Opportunities for learning through Bible studies.
- Opportunities for people to meet for midweek fellowship around the circuit.
- Encourage members to commit to a path of lifelong learning based on God's teachings.
- Show that the church is welcoming, accepting all as children of God.
- Nurture and care for all in our circuit.
- Provide opportunities for groups to meet for relaxation and fellowship.

SERVICE

The church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.

- Supporting the needs of our local communities, providing food and financial help.
- Encourage churches to support Fairtrade.
- Encourage practical responses to the climate crisis, collectively and individually.
- Give generously to those in need at home and abroad.
- Challenge injustice.

EVANGELISM

The church exists to make followers of Jesus Christ.

- Witness to those we meet outside the church in daily life.
- Use opportunities presented at Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Christmas and Easter to share our faith.
- Showing love and respect to all we meet through simple acts of service.
- Working Ecumenically in the community e.g. food bank, holiday club, passion play performance and school and hospital visiting.

“Truly I tell you, inasmuch as you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.”

Matthew 25:40.

Trustees from 1st September 2023 - 31st August 2024

David Payne	Superintendent and Chair of Circuit Meeting
Rachel Pinkney	Probationer Presbyter
Marion Anderson	Circuit Steward
Carol Bean	Circuit Steward and Circuit Safeguarding Officer
Helen Eales	Circuit Treasurer
Alan Hill	Circuit Assistant Treasurer
Cliff Laverick	Circuit Steward - Property
Jeanne Spencer	Circuit Steward
Sheelah Stevens	Supernumerary Presbyter
Edwin Hird	Local Preacher Secretary
Margaret Nodding	Local Preacher Rep
Ev Swinbank	Local Preacher Rep from 20.03.2024
Dorothy Bailey	Quinquennials
Cliff Holliday	Homes Mission
Olive Ingram	MWiB Secretary
Audrey Dinning	MWiB Treasurer
Christine Bennett	MHA
Kath Biggs	Bishop Auckland Church Rep
Ralph Ingram	Bishop Auckland Church Rep
Keith Teasdale	Bishop Auckland Church Rep
Nora Amess	Cockfield Church Rep
Dorothy Milroy	Cockfield Church Rep
Joan Thompson	Cockfield Church Rep
David Cadman	Etherley Church Rep
Mike Ellis	Etherley Church Rep
Diane Hall	Etherley Church Rep
Enid Clinton	Hamsterley Church Rep
George Richardson	Hamsterley Church Rep
David Powell	Heighington Church Rep

Pauline Clayton	Newton Aycliffe Church Rep
Dale Cochrane	Newton Aycliffe Church Rep
Joyce Hird	Shildon Church Rep
John Hodgson	Shildon Church Rep
Pat Scott	Shildon Church Rep
Elly Studham	Shildon Church Rep
Jennifer Atkinson	Witton Park Church Rep
Joyce Proctor	Witton Park Church Rep
Jane Armstrong	WHC Church Rep
Peter Hall	WHC Church Rep
Ross Tonner	WHC Church Rep
Christine Laidlow	Bishop Auckland Church Rep until 27.06.2024
Allan Crathorne	Newton Aycliffe Church rep until 20.07.2024
Christine Crathorne	Newton Aycliffe Church rep until 20.07.2024
Brenda Hunter	Dene Valley Church Rep until 22.07.2024

Lay Employees – members of the Circuit Meeting but not trustees:

Jenny Prior	Circuit Support Manager and Circuit Meeting Secretary
Chris Russell	Lay Pastoral Assistant

Trustees Report

On 1st September we welcomed Revd Rachel Pinkney to the Circuit in her first Ministerial appointment.

The Circuit's Lay Pastoral Assistant, Chris Russell has pioneered a thirty-minute telephone service on a Sunday afternoon. The service is primarily offered to those connected to the church, but who are unable to attend and include some who are housebound or in care homes. This has developed into a worshipping community.

On 27th April 2024 we were hosts for the District Synod. We were very grateful to the staff at Bishop Barrington Academy who allowed us to use their premises and provided support both before and during the day.

On Saturday May 11th there was a Pastoral Visitors event where they were able to share good practice and fellowship.

We celebrated the 10yr anniversary of the joining together of the Bishop Auckland Circuit and the Shildon Circuit with a Circuit service at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church on Sunday 25th August 2024.

Property

Quinquennial Inspections took place at Shildon and Witton Park.

Auckland Park – the sale was completed on 3rd May 2024 with a sale price of £95,000.

Cockton Hill Road manse – the sale was completed on 30th August 2024 with a sale price of £263,000.

South Church – the sale was completed on 5th May 2024 with a sale price of £33,333.

Wind Mill – the sale was completed on 14th December 2023 with a sale price of £150,000.

EDI and Unconscious Bias training

We offered training courses during the year.

Safeguarding

We are committed to ensuring that our churches are safe places to be. This means that safeguarding is central to the safe operation of the Circuit and at every meeting we seek to affirm that safeguarding is central to what we do.

We signed our Circuit Safeguarding Policy at the Circuit Meeting on 12th September 2023, listing Carol Bean as the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

In September 2023 there was an opportunity for all the Church Safeguarding Officers to meet and every church was represented. They discussed safer recruitment, the safeguarding policy and looked at where to find documents on the Methodist website. Every church was asked to have the safeguarding contact poster and the policy statement on display.

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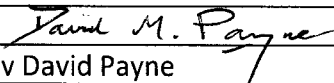
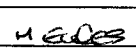
On 4th March 2024 the Circuit held an Advanced Module training session, 14 people attended. Three people have completed the Advanced Module online and one person attended a face-to-face session held at a different location.

We have three qualified Foundation Module trainers in the Circuit. The Foundation Module has been re-written by the Methodist Church and we are looking forward to our trainers attending their "train the trainers" course to enable them to deliver the new material in the Connexional year from September 2024.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures		
Name	Rev David Payne	Helen Eales
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date	29.6.2025	29.6.2025

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Bishop Auckland & Shildon	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

Darlington	District	Circuit no	13/10
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

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Rev David M Payne
Rev Rachel Pinkney

Circuit Stewards:

Marion Anderson
Carol Bean
Alan Hill
Cliff Laverick
Jeanne Spencer

Treasurer:

Helen Eales

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		105,100			105,100	108,200
a3	Capital receipts (net of fees)		4,449	516,397		520,846	152,510
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,759	8,086		9,845	4,035
a5	Grants		15,299			15,299	
a6	Other receipts		5,898			5,898	125,383
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		132,505	524,483		656,988 (a8)	390,128

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		96,442			96,442	99,236
b3	Manse Costs		15,509			15,509	16,032
b4	Administration etc		13,567			13,567	39,663
b5	District Assessment		33,732			33,732	33,732
b6	Grants & donations		582			582	
b7	Mortgage repaid			180,000		180,000	70,000
b8	Other payments		14,370	52,317		66,687	96,225
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		174,202	232,317		406,519 (b9)	354,888

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(41,697)	292,166		250,469	35,240
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		40,472	97,721		138,193 (c6)	102,953
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(1,225)	389,887		388,662	138,193
c4	Transfers and adjustments		88,540	(50,000)		38,540 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	87,315	339,887		427,202 (c8)	138,193 (c6)

SECTION D							
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year						
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					4,085	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					4,085	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)						

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	CFB General				(12,632)	12,632	
e2	CFB Building - manses				(12,231)	12,231	
e3	CFB Removals				(5,956)	5,956	
e4	CFB Property - churches				(5,956)	5,956	
e5	CFB Mission & preaching				(1,765)	1,765	
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(38,540)	38,540 (e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	656,988 (a8)	406,519 (b9)	250,469	38,540 (c7)	138,193 (c6)	427,202 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	656,988	406,519	250,469		176,733 (x)	427,202 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	40,473	16,469
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board		70,746
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	97,720	339,987
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	138,193 (c6)	427,202 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	38,540 (e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	176,733 (x)	427,202 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) Cost	460,795	460,795
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *H. Eales* Date *29.6.2025*

Name and address of treasurer: Helen Eales

31 Haslewood Road, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 4XF

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 19 March 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *David M. Payne*

Name of the Chair of the meeting : Rev David M Payne Date *29.6.2025*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Bishop Auckland & Shildon Circuit

Charity Number 1162844

Responsibilities and basis of report

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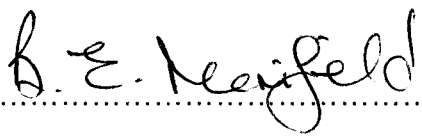
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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Barbara Elizabeth Merifield

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 141 Byerley Road, Shildon, County Durham DL4 1HT

Date 29-6-2026

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Accounts

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BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHILDON	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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REV DAVID M PAYNE

Circuit Stewards:

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Mrs M Anderson
Mrs C Bean
Mr C Laverick
Mr R J Ingram

Treasurer:

Mr R J Ingram

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	108,200			108,200	110,750
a3	Capital receipts		152,510		152,510	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	483	3,552		4,035	686
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	125,383			125,383	72,698
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	234,066	156,062		390,128 (a8)	184,134

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	99,236			99,236	84,545
b3	Manse Costs	16,032			16,032	16,990
b4	Administration etc		39,663		39,663	441
b5	District Assessment	33,732			33,732	35,504
b6	Grants & donations					
b7	Purchase of New Manse		70,000		70,000	
b8	Other payments	51,125	45,100		96,225	72,775
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	200,125	154,763		354,888 (b9)	210,255

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	33,941	1,299	35,240	(26,121)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	6,531	96,422		102,953 (c6)	164,073
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	40,472	97,721	138,193	137,952
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	40,472	97,721	138,193 (c8)	137,952 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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e1 CFB General Control	34,879	26,548	8,331		4,301	12,632
e2 CFB Building Contrl - Manses	11,789	10,340	1,449		10,782	12,231
e3 CFB Removals Control	1,589	577	1,012		4,944	5,956
e4 CFB Prop'y Cont - Churches	7,202	8,084	(882)		6,839	5,957
e5 CFB Mission & Preaching Cont'	1,057	1,000	57		1,708	1,765
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	56,515	46,549	9,966		28,574 (e11)	38,540 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	390,128 (a8)	354,888 (b9)	35,240	(c7)	102,953 (c6)	138,193 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	446,643	401,437	45,206		131,527 (x)	176,733 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	41531	40,473
f2 Bank Current Account		
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	96,421	97,720
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	137,952 (c6)	138,193 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	28,574 (e11)	38,540 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	166,526 (x)	176,733 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
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g3 Other Assets		
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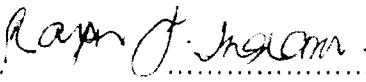
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Name of Circuit Bishop Auckland & Shildon Methodist Circuit No 13/10

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Signature of treasurer  Date 27-6-2024

Name and address of treasurer ...Ralph J Ingram, 5 Cleveland Avenue,
Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, DL14 6AR

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be*
presented to the Circuit meeting held on 27-6-2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHILDON METHODIST CIRCUIT

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Rev David M Payne..... Date ...27-6-2024...



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHILDON CIRCUIT

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Signature of independent examiner B.E. Mansfield

Name of independent examiner BARBARA ELIZABETH MERIFIELD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 141 BYERLEY RD.

SHILDON Post Code DL4 1HT

Date 31/5/2024

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Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHILDON	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022**

DARLINGTON	District	Circuit no	13/10
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1162844

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Mrs Marion Anderson
Mrs Carol Bean - Safeguarding
Mr Ralph J Ingram - Treasurer
Mr Clifford Laverick - Property

Treasurer:

Mr Ralph J Ingram.

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		110,750			110,750	105,200
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		54	632		686	630
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		72,698			72,698	44,501
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		183,502	632		184,134 (a8)	150,331

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		84,545			84,545	81,867
b3	Manse Costs		16,990			16,990	10,576
b4	Administration etc			441		441	403
b5	District Assessment		35,504			35,504	39,780
b6	Grants & donations						
b7							
b8	Other payments		14,386	58,389		72,775	58,021
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		151,425	58,830		210,255 (b9)	190,647

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	32,077	(58,198)		(26,121)	(40,316)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		9,454	154,619		164,073 (c6)	204,390
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	41,531	96,421		137,952	164,074
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	41,531	96,421		137,952 (c8)	164,074 (c6)

SECTION D							
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year						
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations						
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations						
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)						

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 CFB General a/c	4,525	5,700	(1,175)		5,476	4,301
e2 CFB Bdg Contr Manses	1,543	1,358	185		10,597	10,782
e3 CFB Removals Control	1,513		1,513		3,431	4,944
e4 CFB Prop Cont Ch's	30	425	(395)		7,234	6,839
e5 CFB Miss & Pr Contr	12	5,120	(5,108)		6,816	1,708
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	7,623	12,603	(4,980)		33,554 (e11)	28,574 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	184,134 (a8)	210,255 (b9)	(26,121)	(c7)	164,073 (c6)	137,952 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	191,757	222,858	(31,101)		197,627 (x)	166,526 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	9,455	41,531
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	154,619	96,421
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	164,074 (c6)	137,952 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	33,554 (e11)	28,574 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	197,628 (x)	166,526 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	798,062	1,664,349
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *Ralph J. Ingram* Date *12.01.2023*

Name and address of treasurer Ralph J Ingram, 5 Cleveland Avenue, ...
Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, DL14 6AR.

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on *12.01.2023 (CLT)*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *[Signature]*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *Rev. David M. Payne* Date *12-01-2023*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHILDON Circuit

1162844

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the
Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit : BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHILDON Circuit..... No 13/10.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *M C Spink*

Name of independent examiner : Mrs Christine Spink.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address : 11 Oldwood Close, Newton Aycliffe,.....

Co Durham, DL5 4FA.

Date *15 November 2022*

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Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHLDON	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021**

DARLINGTON	District	Circuit no	13-Oct
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1162844

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BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHLDON Circuit

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		105,200			105,200	109,700
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		23	607		630	1,899
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		44,501			44,501	58,806
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		149,724	607		150,331 (a8)	170,405

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		81,867			81,867	81,627
b3	Manse Costs		10,576			10,576	11,021
b4	Administration etc			403		403	9,227
b5	District Assessment		39,780			39,780	40,592
b6	Grants & donations						
b7							
b8	Other payments		10,831	47,190		58,021	60,817
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		143,054	47,593		190,647 (b9)	203,284

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	6,670	(46,986)		(40,316)	(32,879)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		2,786	201,604		204,390 (c6)	237,269
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	9,456	154,618		164,074	204,390
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	9,456	154,618		164,074 (c8)	204,390 (c6)

SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)				
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SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 CFB General A/c	10,199	14,465	(4,266)		9,744	5,478
e2 CFB Bdg Control Manses	1,013		1,013		9,583	10,596
e3 CFB Removals Control	3,066	435	2,631		796	3,427
e4 CFB Prop Control - Chchs	675	285	390		6,843	7,233
e5 CFB Miss & Preach Control	10		10		6,805	6,815
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	14,963	15,185	(222)		33,771 (e11)	33,549 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	150,331 (a8)	190,647 (b9)	(40,316)	(c7)	204,390 (c6)	164,074 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	165,294	205,832	(40,538)		238,161 (x)	197,623 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	2786	9,455
f2 Bank Current Account		
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	201,604	154,619
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	204,390 (c6)	164,074 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	33,771 (e11)	33,549 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	238,161 (x)	197,623 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

g1 Investments (include Endowments)
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)
g3 Other Assets
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end
g5 Other Liabilities

At	At
1 September 2020	31 August 2021
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W-WAY 336454	798062

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Name of Circuit BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHILDON No. 13/10

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Signature of treasurer Ralph J. Ingram Date 09.11.2021

Name and address of treasurer : Ralph J Ingram, 5 Cleveland Avenue,
Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, DL14 6AR.

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on September 13th 2021.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev David M Payne Date 9-11-2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHILDON CIRCUIT

Charity Number : 1162844

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signature of independent examiner *M C Spink*

Name of independent examiner : Mrs Christine Spink.

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address : 11 Oldwood Close, Newton Aycliffe,

Co Durham, ... Post Code DL5 4FA.

Date *2nd November 2021*

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Accounts

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**CIRCUIT
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

BISHOP AUCKLAND & SHILDON	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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a2	Assessment/Share	109,700			109,700	
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	102	1,797		1,899	
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	58,806			58,806	
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	168,608	1,797		170,405 (a8)	

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	81,627			81,627	
b3	Manse Costs	11,021			11,021	
b4	Administration etc		9,227		9,227	
b5	District Assessment	40,592			40,592	
b6	Grants & donations					
b7						
b8	Other payments	35,310	25,507		60,817	
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	168,550	34,734		203,284 (b9)	

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	58	(32,937)	(32,879)	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		2,727	234,542	237,269 (c6)	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	2,785	201,605	204,390	
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	2,785	201,605	204,390 (c8)	(c6)

SECTION D						
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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 CFB General Control	9,010	7,539	1,471		8,272	9,743
e2 CFB Bding Control - Manses	4,554	545	4,009		5,575	9,584
e3 CFB Removals Control	5,036	15,005	(9,969)		10,763	794
e4 CFB Prop'y Control - Ch's	10,057	3,837	6,220		624	6,844
e5 CFB Mis'n & Pr'g Control	57	1,286	(1,229)		8,036	6,807
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	28,714	28,212	502		33,270 (e11)	33,772 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	170,405 (a8)	203,284 (b9)	(32,879)	(c7)	237,269 (c6)	204,390 (c8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	199,119	231,496	(32,377)		270,539 (x)	238,162 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	2727	2,786
f2 Bank Current Account		
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	234,542	201,604
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	237,269 (c6)	204,390 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	33,270 (e11)	33,772 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	270,539 (x)	238,162 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *Ralph J Ingram* Date..... *17.11.20*

Name and address of treasurer Mr Ralph J Ingram

5 Cleveland Avenue, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, DL14 6AR.

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on September 23rd 2020

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *David M Payne*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev David M Payne Date *17.11.20*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Bishop Auckland & Shildon Circuit

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Name of independent examiner : Mrs Christine Spink

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address : 11 Oldwood Close, Newton Aycliffe,

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Post code : DL5 4FA.

Date *10/11/2020*

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